

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Henk Kole et al.

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Examiner: Margaret G. Moore

**Reply under 37 CFR 1.116**  
**- Expedited Procedure -**  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 31, 2008, the following is being submitted for placing the above-identified application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.